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U.S. Army Office  
New York.



Washington Aug 4, 1855

My dear Sir,

I received the drawings for the bot. report  
upon Capt. Beckwith's collection yesterday.  
I will urge W. Peckham to have the engraving for  
all the bot. reports done by W. Peckham and  
I hope the offer of the latter may be such as to  
enable W. Peckham to give it to him. The  
advertisements for bids appear in the  
Intelligencer by Wash. I do not know what  
New York papers they appear in.

I do not know how it is about the account for  
the drawings of Beckwith's bot. report. I  
Capt. Beckwith has not received it and they  
know nothing of it in the Secretary of War's Office.  
I do not recollect whether I wrote you that Mr.  
McPherson <sup>was</sup> ~~has been~~ absent for more than six  
weeks and has only resumed payments within  
the last ten days. Perhaps it would be better



to have ~~some~~ accounts made out & I enclose you blanks.  
Capt. Beckwith will pay this acct. The best  
way to address it will be perhaps to the  
Secretary of War, <sup>Official business</sup> ~~on the outside~~ and in  
the left hand lower corner write  
"Pacific Rail Road Ex." & It will  
then come free of postage & be sent to me  
~~and be~~ unopened.

I had concluded that you had left town  
as I have written two or three times about  
the illustrations of bot. of Popo's Survey  
asking you to send them to me when  
they <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ finished, but I have not heard  
from you about them. As you do not  
mention them in your note ~~this morning~~ <sup>received</sup>  
this morning I apprehend <sup>my</sup> ~~the~~ letters have not  
reached you. My confidence in the mail  
is not altogether implicit.

Mr. Warren tells me there are from 10 to  
11000 words in Popo's bot. report which at  
the usual rate of payment would be  
10 or 11 dolls. but in copying a manuscript  
of such a character I should think 15 dolls.  
would be a more equitable compensation.

Mr. Laman as you will recollect at first  
decided that the best illustrations should  
remain in your hands until they went to  
the printer. but since then he has  
preferred that they shall go to him -  
and it was for that reason I wrote  
you asking that they might be sent  
to me.

Very truly yours  
A. A. Humphreys

How is it about the proof  
of Beckwith's report (6th.) sent you -  
\* It has not yet been returned to the  
printer? For it?

(A. H.)

Prof. J. J. Farney

Wash<sup>n</sup>. Sept. 10-

My Dear Sir,

Will you send me  
the drawings of your botanical  
report upon Popes' collection.

They should go into the hands  
of the engraver or at least  
into Mr. Seaman's as soon  
as I can get them there.

I was glad to hear Mr. Seaman  
say the other day that  
Prestete would probably  
have all the bot. illustrations.

I send you a copy of your  
bot. report upon <sup>Gunnison's</sup>  
Beckwith's collection -

The printer wishes to know  
if you desire any change

in the title - and if you wish  
a paper cover for the copies  
you requested might be  
struck off for you -

Very truly yours  
W. A. Humphreys

D. John Torrey

Ms.

Wash<sup>n</sup>, Sept 12.

My dear Professor, I have the  
drawings of Capt. Beckwith's  
bot. collection and also  
those of Stearns's. I wrote  
for Capt. Pope's - You may  
recollect that more than two  
months ago you sent me  
eight of them, the remaining  
two not being then finished.  
At that time W. Seaman  
(at least so I understood him)  
was willing ~~that~~ to receive  
all the botanical drawings  
merely by a letter from me  
saying where they were and  
how many <sup>(there were)</sup> and I thought

it much better that the engraver  
should receive them from you  
than from M. Seaman or  
myself - and for that  
reason returned you the  
eight -

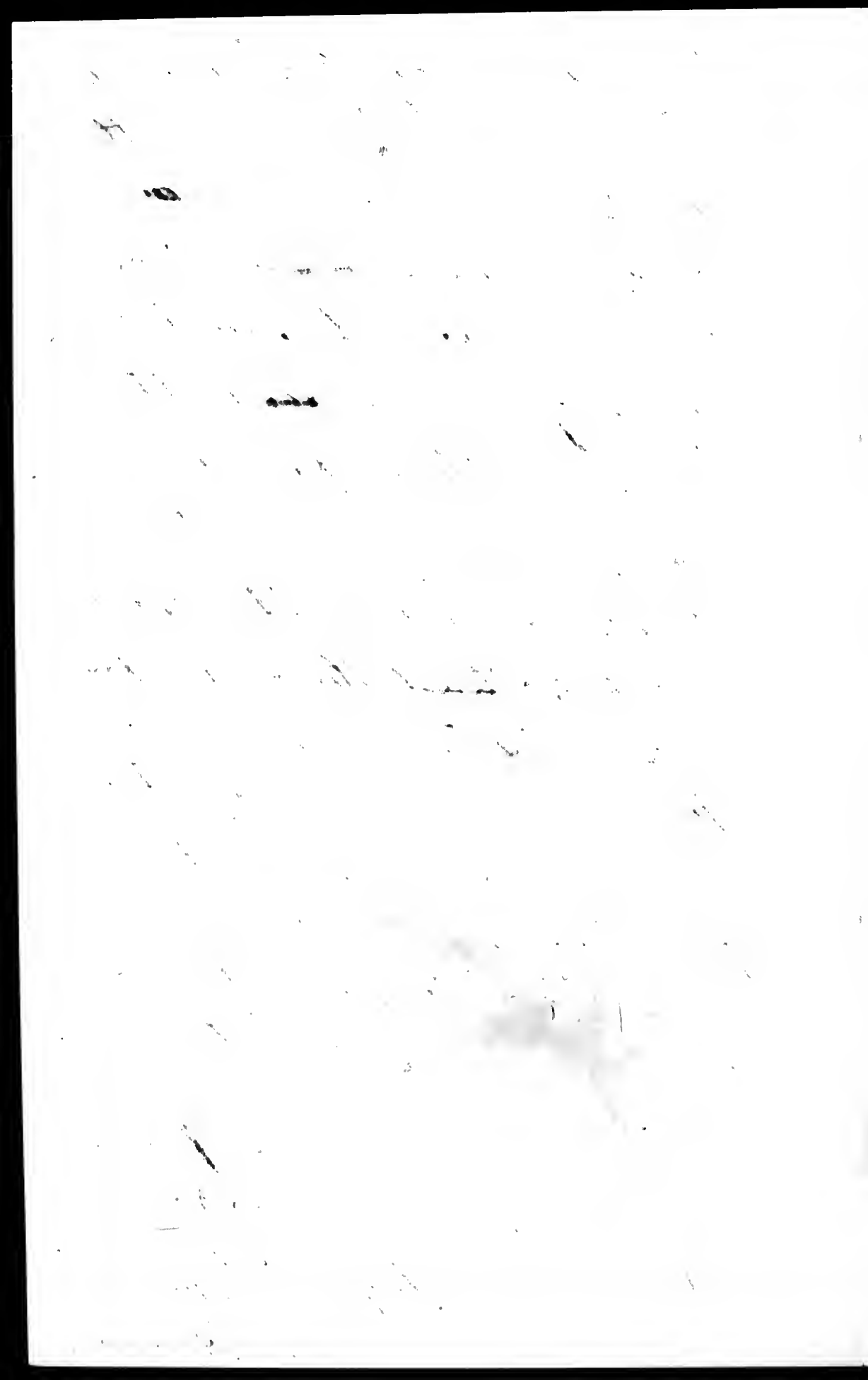
Recently however M.  
Seaman has preferred  
to receive every thing  
literally from me, and as  
the business is his of  
course I have only to  
accede to his request.  
I mention this as ~~an~~ an  
apology to you for  
the trouble which <sup>the</sup> change  
gives you -



The drawing of Popes' which  
Mr. Prestele<sup>has</sup> he had better  
keep until he has completed  
his specimen <sup>(from after which)</sup> ~~after~~ I hope  
it will be returned to him  
by W. J. Haman, ~~for~~ with  
all the others for engraving.

The question about the  
title was whether you  
wished that the same for  
your extra copies, as  
that under which the  
report was printed  
for Congress - I will send  
you the bill for them  
whenever the printer sends  
it.

I send you a blank (lest  
you may not have one) for  
the bill for copying Popes' Bot.  
report. It is right at \$15  
for 100 copies.  
A. D. Humphreys



Offa Pacific R.R. Ex. Survey  
Washington, Nov. 26-

Dear Professor,

I have been prevented from acknowledging the receipt of the manuscript of your report upon Capt. Pope's botanical collection (delivered by Adams & Co's Express) by pressing duties. In regard to the drawings <sup>(of the same report)</sup> 8 in number, which you sent me early in the summer, by Adams's Express, they were returned to you immediately by the same conveyance for reasons which I have already explained. Although they have never been returned to me yet after the receipt of your last note I thought it possible they might have been to Capt. Beekwith - but upon inquiry of him and search everywhere no trace of them is found in the Dept. and no mention whatever ~~of them~~ <sup>of them</sup> is made in any letter received here by myself or others from yourself or Dr. Gray since the time of my returning them to you, except that the engraver had one or more of them for specimen engraving.

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Can you have sent them to the engraver, Westcott?

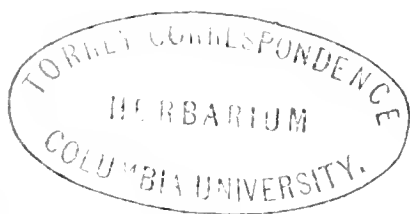
Please let me know - and please return  
manuscript of ~~Beckwith's~~ your report  
upon Beckwith's collection as we want  
it for our file, - address on the  
outside to Secretary of War, inside  
to me - send by mail.

I send you by Adams' Ex. Express a  
packet containing 150 copies of your  
report upon Peper's collection & 150  
of that upon Beckwith's which the  
printer has just sent up to me  
for you - Please let me know when  
you receive them.

Very truly yours  
A. A. Humphreys

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N.Y.

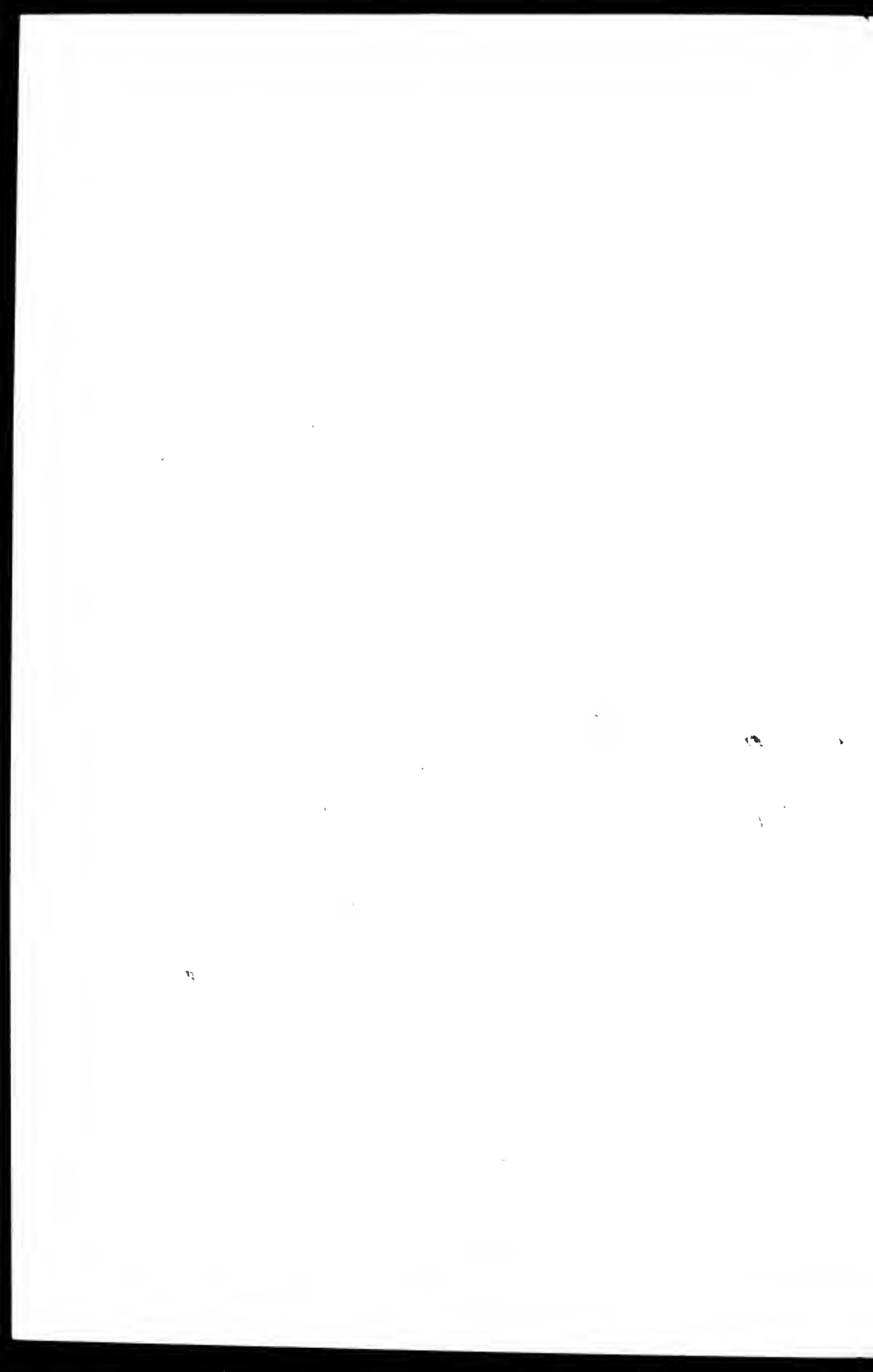




To Capt. Pope,

Dear Pope,

The Smithsonian  
engraving has refused to take the  
responsibility of ordering any  
engravings or lithographs  
for these reports. The sanction  
of the secretary of war was  
given to the drawings for  
the Natural History collection,  
not for engravings or lithographs.  
Thus he expressly refused to have  
take the responsibility of ordering  
in any case. - Whipple  
desired me to ask an  
exception in this case  
so far as it applied to



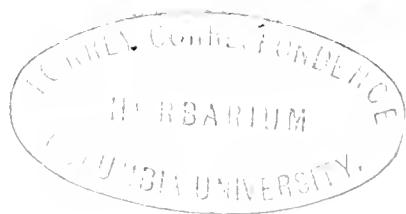


The Botanical part  
preparing by Dr. Torrey,  
which the Secretary  
refused. ~~Dr. Torrey~~

This was undoubtedly  
communicated to Dr. Torrey,  
I can say nothing about  
it either one way, or the  
other until the committee  
of the House or Senate has  
directed the matter.

Very truly yours,

A. A. N.



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Capt. Pope.